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In a secret session on 11 September 1951 the Supreme Council of the Peronista Party formally selected Carlos Aloe as its candidate for the governor of the Province of Buenos Aires.

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- a recent meeting of Congressmen and Senators of the Province of Buenos Aires with the Supreme Party, for the ouroose of discussing the political situati n of Domingo Mercante, Governor of the Province of Buenos Aires, and the work of his government. Among those present at the meeting were President Peron, Eva Peron, and Admiral Alberto Teisaire. Congressman (fmu) Iacono, speaking for the district of Matanza, defended the position of Governor Mercante, stating that the provincial legislators, in supporting Mercante, had only complied with the directives issued by the President himself. A similar statement was made by Mario M. Goizcueta. another Congressman.
- 3. Peron is convinced that the Peronista Party has lost its chances of winning the election in the Provinces of Cordoba and Mendoza. Mercante has general support of the people in the Province of Cordoba and apparently has the support of the Radical Party in the Province of Buenos Aires.
- 4. On 19 September the local press of Buenos Aires officially announced Aloe's candidacy, as well as that of other Peronist Party members. It is reported that Aloe's candidacy has caused considerable comment among the legislators of the Province of Buenos Aires. Reportedly, Mercante has resigned himself to the fact that Aloe will be the candidate and has promised to support him. As a result, the intervention of the Province of Bienos Aircs, originally planned by Peron, will not take place.
- 5. Other election candidates include Juana Larraudi, film actress and an intimate friend of Senora Peron, for national senator; liguel Durruty, political secretary to vice President Onijano, for national deputy for the Province of Buenos Aires (Avellaneda).
- 6. Evita Peron is reported to have sushed through the candidacy of Dr. Paul Feline Lucini for Governor of Cordoba, in spite of an unfavorable report submitted on him by the Oficina de Control del Estado (OCE), presidential intelligence agency.

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- 7. President Peron has offered Lieutenant (retired) Roberto de Los Riosa, presently head of the wolfram mines in Neugren, the position of general director of the coal mines in the Territory of Santa Cruz. Rios has accepted and will take over this position by the end of october.
- 8. President Peron has recently stated that the Confederation General del Trabajo (CCT) has failed to support the present government and has overstepped its authority. Pecause of this failure, Peron plans to curtail the COT's power, and one of his first steps will be to appoint Angel Borlengii, presently limister of Interior, as head of the CGT.

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Comment. Rios was involved in the 1931 revolution and is now a Peronista.

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